Greetings!

We are off to a great start! Teachers and students are working on setting up routines and procedures that will help us have a successful year of learning! Thank you for helping make the transition back to school with earlier bedtimes and routines at home!!

Thank you to families for following our new drop off and pick up lane. It feels much safer for students during these times this year. Please remember that making a U-Turn in front of a school is illegal and unsafe for our students.

At Edmondson, we embrace the motto, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Fair minded. Our expectations in all parts of the building whether it be the classroom, hallway, playground, crosswalk, etc, are around these three pillars. We teach the expectations and then praise and reward them for doing all three. You could use these three pillars at home too!

A reminder that we do not have supervision available for students until 7:40am on M, T, Th, and F. On Wednesdays, we will have supervision for students at 8:40am. This late start is provided for us to have staff development so all staff will be in meetings and not available to provide supervision until 8:40am on Wednesday. Our first bell rings at 7:55am on M, T, Th, F and 8:55am on Wednesday. The last bell rings at 8:00am indicating that school is starting. If you need before or after school care, we do have the A.S.K. program at Edmondson.

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Message from the Principal... continued

We will continue our GET Togethers this year. GET Togethers are an exciting family engagement activity at Edmondson. G.E.T stands for Guaranteed Education Team. We believe that when families and the school partner in supporting students’ academics, students will be more successful.

We are aiming for 100% participation from families so we hope to see you on Thursday, September 12 from 5:30pm -7:00pm. Dinner will be provided for families in the gym from 5:30 pm-6:00 pm and classroom activities begin at 6:00pm. Families will learn about our new homework policy and our Title I school. Please contact us if you have questions at 613-6300.

Sincerely,

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September Important Dates to Remember

Monday, September 2nd                  Labor Day – No School
Thursday, September 12th                   GET Together Parent Meeting -5:30pm-7:00pm
Thursday, September 19th                   School Individual Picture Day
                                              Preschoolers start at 8:00am
Friday, September 20th                    Father’s Day Breakfast
                                              Watch DOG Kick off – 7:15 – 8:00
Thursday, September 26th                  PTA meeting - 6:00-7:00
Thursday, October 3rd                      Stallion Stampede

Si usted requiere esta información en español, favor de llamar a la oficina.
First Grade Update -
Ms. Davies 1A - Mrs. Keen 1B

Math - We started with a review of numbers 1-10 and what they represent. We then move on to adding and subtracting up to 10. Support at home may include counting everything and anything you can with your child - keep it fun.

STEM - Our current STEM unit is on building community. We are learning how to be supportive of each other and the expectations in our school community so we can be safe and successful learners. Our STEM Learner Profile this month is: Collaboration - working together to effectively accomplish a goal. Support at home may include discussing how your family collaborates to get things done at home.

Literacy - We started the year with a review of the sounds letters make along with handwriting practice. Word work includes a review of words that have three letters with three sounds. For example: cat, bat, or fix. Sentence structure work includes using capitalization and punctuation. We are enjoying a mix of books during our read-alouds. After reading we’re talking about text features like who the characters are in the story, where the setting is and how the characters treat each other. Our writing is focused on narrative writing. Narrative writing is a story that has a beginning, middle and end. Support at home may include reading a book with your child, then ask them to tell you what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the book - one at a time. Keep it simple and fun.

In-Focus - Is our social and emotional learning. This month the focus is “Meeting the needs of the brain by creating safety and security and the connection those have to our classroom/school and our learning.

Picture day is Thursday, September 19th.

GET Together - our first family GET Together is Thursday, September 12th. Join us for dinner and information on how we can work together to support your child's success in 1st grade.

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**Father’s Day Breakfast/WatchDogs Kick-off** will be Friday, September 20th from 7:15am-8am.

**The Loveland Public Library** - Check out http://www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org/children for free programs that the library has all month.

**Snacks** - Please remember to bring a healthy snack and water bottle each day.

Please get the free **Remind app** on your phone to easily communicate with your child’s teacher and/or other families.

Ms. Davies - class code: @gfbd39
Mrs. Keen - class code: @keen20192

**Remind Update**

Parents do not miss the opportunity to get daily / weekly updates from your child’s teacher on Remind. This app for your phone gives you real-time messaging from your child’s teacher. If you have any questions about the app, please e-mail your child’s teacher for the information and code.

**Neighborhood Block Party**

Our fifth annual neighborhood block party was a great success! Our families and local community enjoyed getting together and celebrating going back to school. We also want to thank the many business who had booths and resources to aid our families.
Stallion Stampede – October 3rd

We will be hosting this year’s major fundraiser on Thursday, October 3rd, 2019!

This event allows the students to raise money for our school without selling merchandise, while promoting fun and fitness.

Collect tax-deductible donations.

This is a flat rate donation, not per lap pledge, money will be collected beforehand.

Students walk / run around a designated course at Edmondson in their allotted time; families are welcome to come cheer students on!

Awesome prizes for laps completed and top donation earners

Every student who walks / runs gets a shirt from Healthy Kids Club

Parents, your help is needed by aiding your child in collecting donations from family, friends, and neighbors. Money must be collected at the time of donation and turned in with their collection forms.

We need Parent volunteers the day of the stampede to make this a successful event!!! Please e-mail Bree at bree.roundypta@gmail.com!

The Edmondson PTA needs YOU!

Yes, YOU!!!

Our school’s PTQ is currently in need of board members, committee members, and event volunteers / coordinators. Most importantly, we need you to spread the PTA word to all your friends and encourage parent involvement.

We recognize that everyone has a busy schedule and we respect your time. Involvement in the PTA does not have to be a huge commitment of time. The Edmondson PTA meets once a month for only 1 hour a month from 6:00-7:00pm. Children are welcome to attend the meetings!

Edmondson PTA Mission: The Edmondson PTA is a team of parents, school staff, and community volunteers who work together to support our school and community, as well as enhance the educational experience of our children, though fundraising and volunteering.

Please contact Bree Roundy for more information: bree.roundypta@gmail.com

If you haven’t already please be sure to check out and “like” Laurene Edmondson’s and Laurene Edmonds on PTA Face book pages.
From the Music Room

Welcome back to Edmondson Music!

It has been wonderful getting together and making music in the music room. We are working on introductions, steady beat, note identification, and dynamics. We have been doing a little instrument share with the percussion family instruments. It's been a great start! Here are some dates to keep in mind as we start into the year:

**Ukulele**’s arrive at Edmondson on September 13th for our string unit.

**Edmondson All School Music Program is Wednesday, December 18th at Thompson Valley High School’s Roberta Price Auditorium.** (this is for ALL Edmondson kids/family)

**Edmondson 1st grade American Patriotic Showcase will be on Wednesday, February 19th at Edmondson.**

**Piano lab at Edmondson on Monday, March 2nd, 2020**

**Edmondson TALENT SHOW...Wednesday, May 6th, 2020**

I look forward to seeing you all this year at our music programs! It's going to be a great year!

WATCH D.O.G.S.

WATCH D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative fathers involvement, educational initiative of the National Center Fort Fathering. There are 2 primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. Program

- To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
- To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

Program Benefits

- Students gain positive male role models.
- Schools gain extra eyes and ears. The presence of a father or father figure will provide an additional deterrent to bullying, enhance a sense of security in the building, and will help to create an environment conducive to learning.
- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student’s life in three critical areas including: academic, performance, self-esteem, social behavior.

We are thrilled to have WATCH D.O.G.S at Edmondson!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact:

Clare Neal, School Counselor  Clare.neal@thompsonschools.org
Counselor’s Corner

Hello, my name is Clare Neal and I am the school counselor at Laurene Edmonson Elementary School. This is my sixth year at Edmondson and my primary responsibility is to support the social/emotional and academic development of our students.

My counseling program consists of individual counseling, small group counseling, social/emotional classroom lessons, student behavioral support, and self regulation education and support. I collaborate with teachers, staff, parents and community organizations to meet the needs of our students and families.

Classroom Guidance Lessons - Self-Regulation

I visit each classroom for 30mins twice per month or more as needed. This year I will continue to focus on self-regulation. Self-regulation helps student to practice patience, focus on school work/tasks, work though frustrations and anger, increase positive social interactions, increase self-esteem, and help to build a growth mindset. All students K-5 have learned about Zones of Regulation. Zones of Regulation helps to categorize our feelings into colors/zones.

- Blue Zone Feelings: Sad, Bored, Sick, Tired
- Green Zone Feelings: Happy, Calm, Focused, Ready to Learn
- Yellow Zone Feelings: Frustrated, Silly, Confused, Nervous
- Red Zone Feelings: Aggressive, Yelling, Out of Control

Students learn to identify which zone they are in and then decide which tool from their tool kit they need to use. This could be going for a walk, talking to a friend, taking belly breaths etc. More information to come in the October Newsletter!

5th Grade — September

Fifth grade is off and running! Our first a science unit called Living Systems. In it we will be studying how life depends on a healthy environment to survive. We have begun our new literacy program called Ready Gen. The first book we are reading is called Night of the Spadefoot Toads. In addition, we have started our first math unit. It is about adding and subtracting fractions. In order for your child to do well in this unit, he/she should know math multiplication facts to 12. We are ready for a fantastic year!
From the Art Room

ART ROOM NEWS
Laurene Edmondson * Fall 2019-2020

Art Grading
At the elementary level art is graded by the academic standards, just like the other subjects. In our school district we have chosen Art Thinking and Art Making to appear on student’s progress reports. Art Thinking is a compilation of evidence from 3 of the 4 visual arts standards:
-Observe and learn to comprehend
-Envision and critique to reflect
-Relate and connect to transfer
Art Making is evidenced by the artwork students create and is our fourth, more time intensive standard:
-Invent and discover to create

Students have a final assessment of the use of these four standards as the Design Cycle in the 5th grade.

Where’s my student’s art?
Before you have the chance to worry and wonder, I will let you know that mostly the art students will only bring home artwork they made during free-choice time. I will hang on to the teacher-directed, unit-connecting projects we do until I have decided what I would like to display for our spring art shows.

All art will be sent home before the end of the school year. Families who plan to move before the year is out should let me know so I can get art back to the students before they leave.

Meet your new art teacher, Mrs. Redding...

“Hello! I am brand new to California, and the Thompson School District. I recently was married in July and one week later relocated from Dallas, Texas to Loveland. A lot of wonderful changes all at once! I love teaching children how to create, love, and experiment with art. This year we will be exploring various artists, mediums, and techniques – with a strong STEM focus. In my free time I enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, and creating art.”

Mrs. Redding